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## **Snohomish County naturopathic physician suspended for misleading patients**

**OLYMPIA** — A Snohomish County naturopathic physician was immediately suspended for allegedly duping cancer patients into treatment with an unapproved experimental vaccine.

The Board of Naturopathy and the Washington State Department of Health took the action against the license of John A. Catanzaro (NATU.NT.00000769). The charges say Catanzaro didn't disclose the experimental nature of a cancer treatment to his patients, who thought the vaccine he gave them was effective and that his research was approved – it was not. He allegedly failed to follow appropriate protocols for implementing cancer research on people, and obtaining Investigational New Drug approval from the Federal Drug Administration. Catanzaro is also charged with keeping inadequate patient records and performing inadequate patient examinations. Catanzaro can't practice until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to request a hearing to contest the charges.

The legal documents can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Board of Naturopathy regulates naturopathic physicians in Washington. The program establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms and discipline. Rules, policies and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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